

you wish to speak?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I don't want to take a lot of time on these amendments, but I, too, for reasons outlined in the handout would oppose the committee amendment. My primary concern is that it may, in fact, make it a little more difficult for an individual farmer to undertake this effort. I have no objection, in the future, of raising this right up there with everything else. But let's at least get them started before we raise it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Mr. President. I'd like to ask Senator Scofield a quick question.

PRESIDENT: Don is the name.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Scofield, how much money did you get in NIFA funds, or have you got pledged to start these little wineries?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: As far as I know, Marge, we don't have a penny.

SENATOR HIGGINS: You mean you just want to start a bunch of little businesses and you don't...you're not going to ask the state for any money?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: As a matter of fact I've had a number of folks come to me and say that they invested their own money and they are on their way, and this little old bill would really help them out. I've been surprised at the positive reaction from people around the state on this. No, no state money is anticipated at this point.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, I just...I'm amazed to think that anybody would start a business today and not go to NIFA to get the money. Thank you, Senator.

PRESIDENT: Further discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Hefner, you want to close?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I'll be brief in my closing. I just want to call a few...point out a few points with you. This would change the tax from a